

Parent Guide to Student Success

Rutherford County Schools is committed to providing high quality instruction anchored in the [Tennessee State Standards](#) using state adopted and board approved curriculum resources.

What to Expect in 8th Grade English Language Arts

In 8th grade, students solidify their middle school ELA learning through a more detailed analysis and interpretation of text. Students will read a variety of texts centered on a broad scope of themes, topics, and perspectives.

The ultimate goal for 8th grade students is to ensure that they have acquired the skills and knowledge needed for success in high school.



A Sample of What Your Child Will Be Working On

- Supporting interpretations using evidence from the text.
- Comparing and contrasting how different texts address the same topic.
- Analyzing how author choices influence the meaning of a text.
- Analyzing how an author responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints and transferring this understanding to their own writing.
- Evaluating arguments for sound reasoning.
- Composing written responses in various modalities to share knowledge and understanding gained from text.
- Using appropriate grammar.



Conversation Starters

With Students

- What are you currently reading? What have you learned from reading this text?
- What type of writing are you working on? Can you show me a sample?
- What goals do you have for English Language Arts class? How can I help?
- Do you feel prepared for high school? How can I help?

With Teachers

- Is my child meeting the expectations of this class? How can I keep track of their progress?
- Are there additional resources to support what my child is currently reading and writing?
- Is my child prepared for high school? How do you know?



Resources:

[TN State Standards](#) |